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LUKAS HOPES THE CLARK IS BRAVAZO'S TURN FOR GRADE I GLORY

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018) – Calumet Farm's multiple graded stakes-placed **Bravazo** has danced in all of the major dances of 2018 including all three legs of the Triple Crown, the Haskell Invitational (Grade I), Travers Stakes (GI) and the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI). But Hall of Fame trainer **D. Wayne Lukas** believes the 3-year-old colt could be improving at the right time ahead of Saturday's \$500,000 Clark Handicap Presented by Norton Healthcare (GI) at Churchill Downs.

"Believe it or not, I think this horse is actually getting better with each start," Lukas said. "I don't think the one-mile distance was his best in the Breeders' Cup but I thought the (Dirt Mile) was the better option instead of the Classic. I think the extra distance in the Clark will suit him great."

"We plan on running him next year as a 4-year-old. Let's get this one under our belt and move on to next year. Maybe this is his turn. He shows up every single time we run him."

The 3-year-old colt by Awesome Again will attempt to give Lukas a record-tying third win in the race after previously winning with **Will Take Charge** (2013) and **Surfside** (2000). Both of Lukas' previous winners were 3-year-olds that cemented year-end divisional championship honors.

Bravazo finished third in the Nov. 3 Dirt Mile, 2 ½ lengths behind runner-up **Seeking the Soul**, who is listed as the 8-5 morning line favorite in the Clark. The Calumet homebred's campaign was highlighted by runner-up finishes in the Preakness (GI) and Haskell and a third-place effort in the Travers.

The three-time winner will have the riding services of **Joel Rosario** in the Clark Handicap, who was assigned 118 pounds and is 9-2 on **Mike Battaglia**'s morning line odds.

The complete Clark Handicap field from the rail out (with jockey, trainer, assigned weight and morning line odds): **Prime Attraction** (Kent Desormeaux, James Cassidy, 120 pounds, 3-1); **Hence** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 118, 12-1); **Seeking the Soul** (John Velazquez, Dallas Stewart, 123, 8-5); **Hawaakom** (Joe Rocco Jr., Wes Hawley, 116, 15-1); **Leofric** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 121, 3-1); **Bravazo** (Rosario, Lukas, 118, 9-2); **Storm Advisory** (Albin Jiminez, Anthony Quartarolo, 114, 30-1); and **Sightforsoreeyes** (Tyler Gaffalione, Quartarolo, 115, 30-1).

Like the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) and the Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), the Clark Handicap was run for the first time in 1875's inaugural racing meet at Churchill Downs, which was then known as the Louisville Jockey Club. The Clark, the Derby and the Oaks have been run each year without interruption since their debuts.

One race prior to the Clark, Pebbles Stakes winner **Stella di Camelot (IRE)** was made the 2-1 morning line favorite for the 28th running of the \$200,000 Mrs. Revere (GII).

Stella di Camelot previously ran in France with **Gianluca Bietolini** prior to her being transferred to trainer **Chad Brown**'s care in the spring.

The complete field for the Mrs. Revere, run at 1 1/16 miles on the Matt Winn Turf Course, from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Lessons From Avery** (Edgar Morales, Charlie LoPresti, 30-1); **High Tech** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes, 15-1); **Angel of Mischief** (Tyler Gaffalione, Norm Casse, 15-1); **Kabella** (Declan Cannon, Danny Peitz, 20-1); **Cool Beans** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox, 4-1); **Princess Warrior** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeek, 7-2); **Over Thinking** (Corey Lanerie, Vicki Oliver, 20-1); **Get Explicit** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Barbara Minshall, 6-1); **Divine Queen** (Calvin Borel, Buff Bradley, 20-1); Stella di Camelot (IRE) (Joel Rosario, Brown, 2-1); **Arabella Bella** (Albin Jiminez, Mikhail Yanakov, 50-1); and **Dark Artist** (Trevor McCarthy, Jane Cibell, 8-1).

All jockeys are assigned 118 pounds.

The race is named as a tribute to the highly competitive filly Mrs. Revere, who collected a total of four Churchill Downs stakes during a two-year local reign from 1984-85. Mrs. Revere collected three of those stakes during her 3-year-old season, thus providing the appropriate name for this stakes for 3-year-old fillies on the turf. Mrs. Revere was owned by the partnership of **Dr. Hiram Polk** and **Dr. David Richardson**.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE SECOND KNICKS GO 2-1 MORNING LINE KENTUCKY JOCKEY CLUB FAVE – The Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Grade I) runner-up **Knicks Go** was made the slight 2-1 morning line favorite as he faces 13 promising 2-year-old rivals that were entered for Saturday's 92nd running of the \$200,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) at Churchill Downs.

The 1 1/16-mile race is the co-headliner on the penultimate day of the 21-date Fall Meet. Billed as "Stars of Tomorrow II," each of the 12 races is exclusively for 2-year-olds that may have aspirations of trail-blazing their way to next spring's Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (GI) and Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

Knicks Go, a speedy son of Paynter, led wire-to-wire in the Oct. 6 Breeders' Futurity (GI) at Keeneland at odds of 70-1. The Maryland-bred, owned by **KRA Stud Farm** and trained by **Ben Colebrook**, finished 2 1/4 lengths behind the **Bob Baffert**-trained **Game Winner** in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile at odds of 40-1.

One of Colebrook's targets for Knicks Go was the Dec. 4 Marylander at Laurel Park but the 40-year-old conditioner opted to enter the colt in Saturday's race. Jockey **Albin Jimenez** has the return call and will break from post position 13.

"We decided to just keep him home for this race and this could be his final start before the (Feb. 9) Sam F. Davis (GIII)," Colebrook said.

Chief among Knicks Go's competitors in the Jockey Club is Breeders' Cup Juvenile third-place finisher **Signalman**, who is the 5-2 second choice on the morning line for owners **Tommie Lewis**, **David Bernsen** and **Magdalena Racing** and trainer **Kenny McPeek**. Signalman finished one length behind Knicks Go in the Juvenile after breaking from post 14 and rallying from 10 lengths off the early pace.

The complete field for the Kentucky Jockey Club from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): Signalman (Hernandez, McPeek, 5-2); **Tracksmith** (Adam Beschizza, Joe Sharp, 20-1); **Manny Wah** (Channing Hill, Wayne Catalano, 20-1); Dunph (Tyler Gaffalione, Mike Maker, 6-1); **Plus Que Parfait** (Julien Leparoux, Brendan Walsh, 20-1); **Blue Steel** (Robby Albarado, Dale Romans, 15-1); **Limonite** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen, 20-1); **Royal Urn** (Leonel Reyes, Michelle Nihei, 30--1); **Current** (Javier Castellano, Todd Pletcher, 15-1); **Roiland** (Edgar Morales, Tom Amoss, 20-1); **Mick's Star** (Corey Lanerie, Amoss, 30-1); **King for a Day** (John Velazquez, Pletcher, 8-1); Knicks Go (Jiminez, Colebrook, 2-1); **Topper T** (Florent Geroux, Bill Mott, 20-1). Also Eligible should any early scratches occur: **Everfast** (Albarado, Romans, 30-1); and **Kentucky Allstar** (Santana, Maker, 30-1).

All riders are assigned 122 pounds.

Inaugurated in 2005, Churchill Downs' "Stars of Tomorrow" programs have helped launched the careers of numerous graded stakes winners, including more than 50 future Grade I winners led by Horse of the Year and Breeders' Cup Classic winner **Gun Runner**; 2011 Preakness and 2012 Met Mile and Clark Handicap winner **Shackleford**; 2009 Horse of the Year **Rachel Alexandra**; 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic and 2013 Stephen Foster Handicap hero **Fort Larned**; 2012 Kentucky Oaks winner **Believe You Can**; 2013 champion 3-year-old **Will Take Charge**; and 2016 Belmont Stakes winner **Creator**.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES RUNNER-UP RESTLESS RIDER 7-5 GOLDEN ROD FAVORITE – Three **Chimneys Farm** and **Fern Circle Stables**' Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (Grade I) runner-up **Restless Rider** will challenge seven 2-year-old fillies as the 7-5 morning line favorite in Saturday's 75th running of the \$200,000 Golden Rod (GII) at Churchill Downs.

The 1 1/16-mile race is the co-headliner on the second-to-last of the 21-day Fall Meet. Billed as "Stars of Tomorrow II," each of the 12 races is exclusively for 2-year-olds.

The Golden Rod – a "Prep Season" race on the "Road to the Kentucky Oaks" in which the Top 4 finishers will receive 10-4-2-1 points, respectively – goes as Race 9 at 4:57 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 1 p.m. The co-featured \$200,000 Kentucky Jockey (GII), which attracted 14 colts and geldings, is Race 11 at 5:56 p.m.

Restless Rider, a grey daughter of Distorted Humor, finished 5 1/2 lengths behind wire to wire winner **Jaywalk** in the Juvenile Fillies. Trained by **Kenny McPeek**, Restless Rider scored an ultra-impressive 11 1/4 length win in the Debutante Stakes in late June at Churchill Downs and a 2 1/2-length score in the Alcibiades (GI) at Keeneland in October.

The field for Golden Rod from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Gold Credit** (John Velazquez, Ignacio Correas IV, 8-1); **High Regard** (Corey Lanerie, Vicki Oliver, 15-1); **Reflect** (Tyler Gaffalione, Keith Desormeaux, 12-1); **Champagne Anyone** (Chris Landeros, Ian Wilkes, 10-1); Restless Rider (Hernandez, McPeek, 7-5); **Liora** (Channing Hill, Wayne Catalano, 12-1); **Princess Causeway** (Julien Leparoux, Wilkes, 8-1); **Break Curfew** (Javier Castellano, Chad Brown, 9-5).

FIRST DERBY FUTURE WAGER OF YEAR OPENS THURSDAY; BAFFERT HAS SEVEN PROSPECTS – Seven horses conditioned by Hall of Fame trainer and five-time Kentucky Derby winner **Bob Baffert**, are among the 24 betting interests in Pool 1 of the 2019 Kentucky Derby Future Wager, which kicks off a four-day run at Churchill Downs on Thanksgiving Day.

Unbeaten Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Grade I) winner **Game Winner** heads the Baffert arsenal and is the 8-1 individual favorite on veteran odds maker **Mike Battaglia**'s morning line. The pari-mutuel field of "All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings" is expected to be the overall first-pool favorite for the 21st consecutive year and Battaglia projects it to close as the 7-5 choice.

Here's the complete Kentucky Derby Future Wager Pool 1 field (with trainer and morning line odds): #1 **Cairo Cat** (Kenny McPeek, 30-1); #2 **Code of Honor** (Shug McGaughey, 20-1); #3 Coliseum (Bob Baffert, 15-1); #4 **Dunph** (Mike Maker, 30-1); #5 **Epic Dreamer** (Kelly Breen, 50-1); #6 Game Winner (Baffert, 8-1); #7 **Gunmetal Gray** (Jerry Hollendorfer, 30-1); #8 Improbable (Baffert, 10-1); #9 Instagrand (Hollendorfer, 10-1); #10 **King for a Day** (Todd Pletcher, 50-1); #11 **Knicks Go** (Ben Colebrook, 20-1); #12 Magic On Tap (Baffert, 30-1); #13 **Maximus Mischief** (Robert "Butch" Reid Jr., 30-1); #14 **Mucho** (Bill Mott, 50-1); #15 Mucho Gusto (Baffert, 20-1); #16 **Network Effect** (Chad Brown, 30-1); #17 **Preamble** (Rodolphe Brisset, 50-1); #18 Roadster (Baffert, 30-1); #19 Signalman (McPeek, 50-1); #20 Tale of the Union (Baffert, 30-1); #21 **Uncle Benny** (Jason Servis, 50-1); #22 **Vekoma** (George Weaver, 30-1); #23 "**All 3-Year-Old Fillies**" (30-1); and #24 "**All Other 3-Year-Old Colts and Geldings**" (7-5).

New to Pool 1 this year is an option for bettors to wager on "All 3-Year-Old Fillies," which is projected by Battaglia to close at odds of 30-1.

The pool, which features \$2 Win and Exacta wagering, opens Thursday and will close Sunday at 6 p.m. ET.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager will be offered concurrently with the fourth annual Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager, which provides bettors with a unique opportunity to wager on select breeding stars and their entire crop of juveniles with the hope of winning next year's Kentucky Derby.

Offspring sired by **Candy Ride** (ARG) and **Into Mischief** are 6-1 on the morning line for the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager. Candy Ride (ARG)'s top Derby prospects include Game Winner and Nashua (GIII) victor Vekoma. Into Mischief is the sire of Best Pal (GII) champ Instagrand and unbeaten Parx-based Maximus Mischief.

Here's the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager field (with breeding farm and morning line odds): #1 **Bernardini** (Darley, 30-1); #2 **Cairo Prince** (Airdrie Stud, 30-1); #3 Candy Ride (ARG) (Lane's End, 6-1); #4 **City Zip** (deceased, 10-1); #5 **Curlin** (Hill 'n' Dale Farms, 10-1); #6 **Ghostzapper** (Adena Springs, 30-1); #7 **Giant's Causeway** (deceased, 30-1); #8 Into Mischief (Spendthrift Farm, 6-1); #9 **Malibu Moon** (Spendthrift Farm, 30-1); #10 **Medaglia d'Oro** (Darley, 15-1); #11 **More Than Ready** (WinStar Farm, 30-1); #12 **Orb** (Claiborne Farm, 30-1); #13 **Pioneerof the Nile** (WinStar Farm, 15-1); #14 **Quality Road** (Lane's End, 15-1); #15 **Scat Daddy** (deceased, 15-1); #16 **Speightstown** (WinStar Farm, 50-1); #17 **Tapit** (Gainesway, 10-1); #18 **Tiznow** (WinStar Farm, 30-1); #19 **Uncle Mo** (Ashford Stud, 30-1); #20 **Union Rags** (Lane's End, 30-1); #21 **Violence** (Hill 'n' Dale Farms, 30-1); #22 **War Front** (Claiborne Farm, 30-1); #23 **Will Take Charge** (Three Chimneys Farm, 30-1); and #24 "**All Other Sires**" (5-1).

Last year, **Justify** was unraced at the time of the first Future Wagers and paid \$4.40 to win the Derby as part of the "All Other 3-Year-olds" pari-mutuel field. However, a bet on his sire Scat Daddy returned \$54.80 at odds of 26-1 in the Kentucky Derby Sire Future Wager.

Dates for the remaining 2019 Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks future pools are Feb. 8-10 (Pool 2), March 8-10 (Pool 3) and April 5-7 (Pool 4). The lone Kentucky Oaks Future Wager will coincide with Pool 3 of the Kentucky Derby Future Wager on March 8-10.

Wagering on both pools is available on track as well as TwinSpires.com and other simulcast outlets throughout the country. For more information visit: <https://www.kentuckyderby.com/wager/future-wager>

Pool 1 past performances courtesy of Brisnet: <http://www.brisnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Derby19Future1.pdf>

Sire Future Wager past performances courtesy of Brisnet: <http://www.brisnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/DerbyFuture19SirePPs.pdf>

CHURCHILL DOWNS, FAIR GROUNDS TO OFFER 'FLEUR DE LIS' PICK 4 SATURDAY – Churchill Downs Racetrack and Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots have teamed to offer horseplayers a cross-track Pick 4 on Saturday.

Billed as the "Fleur de Lis Pick 4," bettors will be required to pick the winners of four races late Saturday afternoon: two races at Fair Grounds in New Orleans, La. and two stakes events at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. – the \$200,000 Golden Rod (Grade II) for 2-year-old fillies and \$200,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) for 2-year-olds.

The minimum wager on the Fleur de Lis Pick 4 is 50 cents.

Here's the sequence for the inaugural Fleur de Lis Pick 4, which features 40 entries (plus two also-eligibles):

- Leg 1: Fair Grounds Race 7 (4:35 p.m. ET)
- Leg 2: Churchill Downs Race 9 (4:57 p.m. ET)
- Leg 3: Fair Grounds Race 9 (5:35 p.m. ET)
- Leg 4: Churchill Downs Race 11 (5:56 p.m. ET)

The series starts at 4:35 p.m. ET with a \$41,000 maiden special weight over one mile and 70 yards at Fair Grounds that attracted nine 2-year-olds. The second leg is the 1 1/16-mile Golden Rod, which drew eight entries led by Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies runner-up **Restless Rider**. Third in the order is a competitive third-level allowance/optional claiming race at Fair Grounds over 1 1/16 miles on the Stall Turf Course with nine older horses. The fourth and final leg of the sequence at 5:56 p.m. ET is the challenging 1 1/16-mile Kentucky Jockey Club, which lured 16 entries in the maximum field of 14 including Breeders' Cup Juvenile runner-up **Knicks Go**.

Fair Grounds will serve as host of the Fleur de Lis Pick 4.

MEET LEADERS – With four days remaining in the Fall Meet at Churchill Downs, **Edgar Morales** held a 17-15 win lead over Spring Meet leading rider **Brian Hernandez Jr.** Jockeys **Tyler Gaffalione** and **Corey Lanerie** were tied for third with 12 wins. ... Trainer **Dallas Stewart** held a narrow 8-7 win lead over **Steve Asmussen**. **Brad Cox**, **Kenny McPeek** and **Ian Wilkes** were tied for third with six wins. Stewart is in search of his first training title at Churchill Downs. **G M B Racing** and **Loooch Racing Stables** were tied atop the owner's standings with four wins each. **Juddmonte Farms** and **Alex and JoAnn Lieblong** were tied for third with three victories.

DOWN THE STRETCH – There was a \$188,386 carryover in the 20-cent Single 6 Jackpot to begin Thursday's card. The Single 6 sequence began in Race 7 at 2:24 p.m. ... Trainer **Dale Romans** began Thursday four wins away from 2,000 career victories and had 15 entries Thursday-Saturday.

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